

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 936

By Beck

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Josh Turner upon his fifteenth anniversary as a member of the Grand Ole Opry.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should recognize those gifted artists who have experienced great success in the world of country music; and

WHEREAS, Josh Turner, one of the most recognizable voices on country radio, will celebrate his fifteenth anniversary as a member of the Grand Ole Opry on October 27, 2022; and

WHEREAS, born in Hannah, South Carolina, Mr. Turner describes his music as "South Carolina Low Country" and is renowned for his unique style and rich, deep baritone voice; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Belmont University in Nashville, Josh Turner first caught the attention of Music Row as a songwriter and was signed to a publishing deal before cutting his debut album, *Long Black Train*, with MCA Records in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Josh Turner knocked it out of the park on his first try; *Long Black Train* sold more than a million copies, and his second album, *Your Man*, debuted at No. 1 on *Billboard* magazine's Top Country Albums chart; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Turner's third album, *Everything Is Fine*, included the hit song "Firecracker"; his fourth album, *Haywire*, brought forth the hit record "Why Don't We Just Dance"; and his 2012 album, *Punching Bag*, produced the hit "Time Is Love"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Turner was inducted into the Grand Ole Opry on October 27, 2007, and he considers it one of the highest honors of his career; he recorded the album *Josh Turner Live at the Ryman* at the one-time home of the Grand Ole Opry; and

WHEREAS, it is the dream of every country music artist to be a member of the Grand Ole Opry and perform on the stage of the Grand Ole Opry House, and it is most fitting that Josh Turner be recognized on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and recognize Josh Turner upon his fifteenth anniversary as a member of the Grand Ole Opry, commend his illustrious career in country music, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.